

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Status of the Application*

1. This action is in reply to applicant amendment filed July 1, 2008.
2. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-10 have been amended.
3. Claim 11 has been cancelled.
4. Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 1-10** are rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wheeler et al. (US Publication No. 2003/0101136 A1) in view of Wheeler et al. (US Publication No. 2003/0177361 A1).
7. Regarding claims 1 and 7, Wheeler discloses a system and method for managing multiple logistic bodies, comprising: receiving basic information provided by the logistic body, generating a correspondent account number, and storing the correspondent account number and the basic information in an account database (Figure 4, Paragraph [0139]); analyzing the basic information associated with a select account number that is

among the account numbers stored in the account database and (Paragraphs [0129] – [0130]); comparing a current account number with a plurality of other account numbers (Paragraph [0116], Paragraphs [0136] – [0137]); generating an approval event and waiting for a result from the approval system, when at least one correlated account number that correlates to the select account number is found in the account database (Paragraph [0138]); upon verification of said approval event, integrating and establishing correlation between said at least one correlated account number and the select account number, by assigning a common registration code to the select account number and the at least one correlated account number, and storing the at least one correlated account number and the common registration code in the account database for the select account number (Paragraph [0140], Paragraphs [0351] – [0353]); and if the trade system provides trade information, updating correlation in the account database among account numbers found in the trade information (Paragraphs [0189] – [0190]).

8. Wheeler et al. (US Publication No. 2003/0101136 A1) does not explicitly disclose comparing said basic information associated with the select account number with the basic information associated with other account number in the account database, in order to identify any correlated account number among said other account numbers, according to at least one preset correlation rule.

9. However, Wheeler et al. (US Publication No. 2003/0177361 A1) discloses comparing said basic information associated with the select account number with the basic information associated with other account number in the account database, in

order to identify any correlated account number among said other account numbers, according to at least one preset correlation rule (Paragraph [0245]).

10. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the teachings of Wheeler et al. (US Publication No. 2003/0177361 A1) in the device of Wheeler et al. (US Publication No. 2003/0101136 A1) reference to include a system and method comprising comparing said basic information associated with the select account number with the basic information associated with other account number in the account database, in order to identify any correlated account number among said other account numbers, according to at least one preset correlation rule, for the advantage of searching a database based on an associated account identifier (Paragraph [0245]).

11. Regarding claims 2 and 8, Wheeler discloses a system and method wherein said basic information comprises at least a logic body name, an email address, a website address and a relative enterprise name (Paragraph [0129], Paragraph [0259]).

12. Regarding claim 3, Wheeler discloses a system further comprising an approval system, for receiving a signal from said data analysis module upon finding the at least one correlated account number, and generating an approval event to start an approval process (Paragraph [0142], Figure 62)).

13. Regarding claims 4 and 10, Wheeler discloses a system and method wherein the updating comprises: periodically reading the trade information from said trade system (Paragraph [0318]); analyzing the account numbers in said trade information (Paragraphs [0318] – [0319]); generating an approval event and waiting for a result

when at least two of the account numbers are correlated (Paragraph [0322]); and storing and establishing the correlated account numbers with a common registration code when said approval event is verified (Paragraphs [0356] – [0358]).

14. Regarding claims 5, and 9, Wheeler discloses a system and method wherein said correlation rule comprises a logical algorithm of full-text comparison and calculation for the at least one of the basic information and the trade information of the logistic bodies (Paragraph [0147]).

15. Regarding claim 6, Wheeler discloses a system wherein said correlation establishment module operates according to a result of said approval event of said approval system (Figure 62).

### **Response to Arguments**

16. Applicant's arguments with respect to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejections have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faris Almatrahi whose telephone number is (571)270-3326. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ryan Zeender can be reached on (571) 272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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